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At 2 p.m. on 11-9-40, the accused Mrs. B.L. Jone, appeared before Judge Helmick at the American Consular Court, and pleaded not guilty to the charges brought against her. At the conclusion of the hearing, however, Judge Helmick, sentenced her to six months imprisonment for theft and ordered that she be detained in Ward Road Gaol, pending arrangements being made to send her back to the Philippines where she will serve her sentence.

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During the p.m. of 5-9-40, with the authority of Mr. Richardson, U.S. Marshal, the undersigned interviewed Mrs. Jose at Ward Road Gaol, when she was informed that the stolen property had been recovered and asked if she wished to make a statement, she replied "I did not do it, and will not say anything."

On 5-9-40, notification was received from the American Consulate requesting that Mrs. Hose be taken there at 10 a.m. on 6-9-40, for questioning by the acting District Attorney Mr. Richardson and arraignment before the U.S. Consular Court.

Mr. Richardson, first questioned Mrs. Jose, who steadfastly denied the theft, however, two charges of Grand Theft, were filed against her and Major H.D. Rodger, appointed to defend her. She was then taken before Judge M.J. Helmick, who heard the charges against her and arrangements for her defence, after which he arranged that the case come up for trial at 2 p.m. on 11-9-40.

Mr. Richardson instructed the undersigned to take complt. and the three witnesses to see him at 10 a.m. on 11-9-40.

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On the am. of 4/9/40, the undersigned escorted complte. Mrs. Resurreccion to the American Consulate, where she swore out a complaint of Grand Larceny against Mrs. Jose, against whom a warrant will now be issued. Mr. Peterson assistant marshall also requested that the Police provide the Consulate with a copy of their report on this crime, together with copies of such statements as are taken.

Following the visit to the Consulate the following persons were visited and statements taken:-

Mrs. [illegible] Pacureviu; Mrs. C. Martinez and Mrs. A. Roma.

Owing to lack of time it will not be possible to interview Mrs. Jose until 5/9/40.

S.M. Det. 1/c.

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Mrs. Conchita Martinez,

Philippines D.S. Crossley

L.160/192, N.
Szechuen Road 4-9-40 -

On the a.m. of 3-9-40, a police officer accompanied by Mrs. Resurreccion came to my home No.192, Lane No.180 N. Szechuen Road, to inquire regarding one Mrs. Jose, a friend who occasionally visits me and was alleged to have stolen a box containing money and jewellery, the property of Mrs. Resurreccion, however, I had not seen Mrs. Jose for three days and having informed the police officer of this fact, he and Mrs. Resurreccion went away.

Shortly following their departure, Mrs. Jose, entered my house via the rear door carrying a small leather box bound with string and without speaking to me or Mrs. Roma, who was with me proceeded up the stairway to a loft room situate between the ground and upstairs front rooms, where she placed the box and immediately left without giving any explanation for her action. Both I and Mrs. Roma, suspected the box to be that stolen from Mrs. Resurreccion and at about 1 p.m. Mrs. Roma's husband went to Mrs. Resurreccion's home to inform her of the occurrence and upon failing to find her there, a friend Mrs. Ines Deramos, was requested to locate and inform Mrs. Resurreccion. At about 5.30 p.m. Mrs. Resurreccion accompanied by a police officer arrived at my home and after checking the contents of the box, took it away.

This is my true statement.

(Signed)

Conserva L. Martinez

Mrs. Anastacia Roma

Philippines

D.S. Crossley

L.180/192 N.
Szechuen Road

4-9-40

During the A.M. of 3-9-40, a foreign police officer accompanied by Mrs. Resurreccion, came to my home No.192, Lane No.180 North Szechuen Road, and inquired of me whether a friend of mine Mrs. Jose had called to see me recently stating she had stolen a box containing money and jewellery. I replied that I had not seen Mrs. Jose for three days, whereupon the police officer and Mrs. Resurreccion, took their leave.

Some short time following their departure Mrs. Jose entered the house via the rear door carrying a brown leather box bound with string which she took upstairs and placed in a small loft room over the ground floor front. She then left without attempting to speak to either one or Mrs. Martinez, with whom I was sitting in the ground floor front room.

We both suspected that the box left by Mrs. Jose must be that stolen from Mrs. Resurreccion and at about 1 p.m., I requested my husband to go to Mrs. Resurreccion's home and inform her of the incident, he, however, later returned and stated that she was not at home. A friend of mine Mrs. Inez Deramos, was then approached and asked to locate and inform Mrs. Resurreccion, with the result that at about 5.30 p.m., the police officer accompanied by Mrs. Resurreccion arrived at my home and upon the box being identified as Mrs. Resurreccion's property and contents checked it was taken away.

(Signed)

Constancia Reyna

Mrs. Pacuraviu.

D.S. Crossley

Kuala

No.74 Chapoo Road

4-9-40.

I am the chief tenant of No.74 Chapoo Road, a portion of the rooms of the premises being sub-let by me to Mrs. Resurreccion, Mrs. Jose and two other people.

At about 9 P.M. on 3-9-40, whilst I was sat in the ground floor front room conversing with a male friend, I saw Mrs. Jose, who was carrying some thing wrapped in a reddish coloured bed cover past by my room door, to gain the front door and leave the premises. Knowing that Mrs. Resurreccion was absent and that Mrs. Jose had free access to her room, I felt suspicious and about 15 minutes later when Mrs. Jose returned carrying the bed cover folded over her arm but minus whatever had been wrapped in it, I approached her stating "you tell me what you have stolen and bring it back, then I will not say anything about it to anyone."

She denied having taken anything stating if I wished I could call the police.

Next day I saw Mrs. Jose leave my house at about 8.30a.m. and later I saw and informed Mrs. Resurreccion regarding the incident of the previous night and advised her to check up her belongings in order to ascertain whether anything was missing. Later she informed me that a leather case containing money and jewellery had been stolen, she then went to the police station to report the matter.

(Signed)

M. M. Pacuraviu

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No. 74 Chapoo Road.

About 8 p.m. 3/9/40.

10.05 a.m. 4/9/40.

Mrs. Salud S. Resurreccion,
Filipino. Above address.

One in custody.

Mrs. Adriana Lucia Rose, age 45, unemployed,
Philippines.

One by detectives.

Money, jewellery, newspapers, and personal papers.	1,311.00.
Money, jewellery, newspapers, and personal papers.	1,198.00.

(e) Theft by inmate.

At 10.05 a.m. on 3/9/40, Mrs. Salud. P. Resurreccion, reported to the station, to the effect that a brown leather attache case containing local currency, Philippine peso's, jewellery, pawn papers and personal paper etc, total value $1,311. 00, had been stolen from a room which she occupies on the 1st floor of House No.74 Chapoo Road and in view of certain information which she had received from the chief tenant of the House one Mrs. M. Pacuraviu, Russian subject, she suspected one Mrs. Bribiana Lucia Jose, Philippine, a friend, who also resides on the premises to be responsible for the crime.

Questioned by the undersigned, complt. stated that she arrived Shanghai during March 1940, in company with her husband and seven year old daughter and took up residence in the French Concession. During June her husband deserted her and she then resided alone with her daughter until the early part of July, when in the home of a Philippino friend, she met Mrs. Bribiana Lucia Jose, who had also been deserted by her husband and was in a state of destitution, being entirely dependent on the charity of various friends she possessed amongst the Philippino community of Shanghai.

Feeling sorry for Mrs. Jose, she offered free accommodation and food in her home, this was readily accepted and shortly afterwards they moved from the French Concession to their present abode. However, about two weeks ago, she became acquainted with an European, whose nationality she does not

know, this person coming to live with her. This new condition made it necessary for Mrs. Jose, to move from her (compts) room, this she did and for the sum of $10.00, per month was permitted by Mrs. Pacuraviu, to sleep nightly on a settee in the ground floor central room of the house, but she still kept her clothing etc. in complte's room and in order that she should be in no way inconvenienced was allowed to retain possession of a key to the room.

At 5 p.m. on 2/9/40, complte. in company with her new paramour and daughter, after securing her room door proceeded to the Capital Theatre and upon returning home about 11.15 p.m., retired.

At about 9.30 a.m. on 3/9/40, complte. whilst on the ground floor portion of the premises, was approached by Mrs. Pacuraviu, who informed her that at about 9 p.m. on the previous night she had seen Mrs. Jose, leave the house carrying in her arms some thing wrapped in a bedcover and about 15 minutes later, she had returned with the bedcover folded over her arms, but minus whatever had been wrapped in it. Suspecting that whatever had been carried out was the property of complainant, she taxed Mrs. Jose with having committed theft and advised her to return the property taken and nothing further would be said regarding the matter.

Mrs. Jose, however, denied the accusation and went to bed on her settee, where she had slept the night and left the premises at 8.30 a.m. even date. Mrs. Pacuraviu, then advised complt. to check up her belongings in order to ascertain whether any thing was missing. Complt. immediately returned to her room and looked first into the wardrobe to find that a brown leather attache case in which she kept her money and other valuable possessions, was missing and after a frantic but futile search of the room for it, came to the station.

The undersigned accompanied by complt. proceeded to her home, where Mrs. Pacuraviu, was questioned and corroborated her story as outlined by complt. adding that an unknown male friend present had also witnessed the incident. The fact that if Mrs. Jose was actually the thief and was able to dispose of the attache case in a period of 15 minutes, seemed to indicate that she must have carried it to some place very near complt.'s home, therefore complt. was requested to bring to mind any friends that Mrs. Jose may have had residing in the near vicinity of her home. She stated that she had not at any time taken a great interest in Mrs. Jose's private affairs, but knew of two places where Mrs. Jose had occasionally paid visits and led the undersigned first

to House No.69, Lane No.338 Miller Road, where Philippine people were found residing, but when questioned stated that they had not seen Mrs. Jose for a considerable time, therefore enquiries were continued at House No.192, Lane No.180 North Szechuen Road, where a Mrs. Anastacia Roma, was questioned and stated that she had not seen Mrs. Jose for three days.

By arrangement at 1 p.m. the undersigned again met complt. when effort was made to locate Mrs. Jose at the North of the Soochow Creek, various Philippino's known to be friends of Mrs. Jose were visited without success at Hwa Kee Avenue, Bubbling Well Road and Pacific Gardens, Seymour Road, continuing No.83 Carter Road, was visited where information was received that Mrs. Jose had been there and just left a few seconds prior to the arrival of the undersigned and complt. immediately a search was made along Carter Road and Mrs. Jose, located and taken into custody near Bubbling Well Road. Questioned she strenuously denied having taken complt's property, but admitted as stated by Mrs. Pasuraviu, she had at 9 p.m. on 2/8/40, left No.74 Chapoo Road, stating that she did so to purchase food, but stated she had taken no property out with her, however, as it was raining she used her bed cover to place over her hand and shoulders. Following suggestion she was

agreeable to led the undersigned to the shop where she had purchased the food and led the way to Woochang Road near North Szechuen Road, where she pointed out three different Chinese food shops at which she now stated she examined foods displayed from the outside and seeing nothing she fancied returned home without making any purchase.

This lack of witnesses to varify that she did actually go to Woochang Road, combined with the evidence of Mrs. Pacuraviu, and fact that she was the only person excepting complainant to possess a key to complt's room, door of which had not been broken or lock interferred with to gain entry, indicated that contrary to her denials she was without doubt responsible for the theft, therefore together with complt. she was taken to the American Consulate, where the U.S. Marshall for China Mr. Charles Richardson, was acquainted with the ascertained facts of the case against Mrs. Jose and stated that although the evidence obtained was not sufficient in his opinion to gain a conviction, he would order the detention of Mrs. Jose for 48 hours, pending the police endeavouring to trace the stolen property or gain other substancial evidence.

He then issued the following documents:-

Commissioner, Shanghai Municipal Police 185 Foochow Road, Shanghai.

Dear Sir,

You will please detain Bribiana L. Jose, citizen of the Philippine Common wealth, in Ward Road Jail on suspicion of grand theft pending further instructions from this office. Yours truly, Charles Richardson Jr.

Mrs. Jose was then escorted to Ward Road Gaol, where she was searched, out none of the missing property found on her person.

Having left the gaol the undersigned returned to No.74 Chapoo Road, to further interrogate the inmates and upon arrival found one Mrs. Ines Deramos, Philippino, who had called to inform complt. that the missing box was at House No.192, Lane No.180 North Szechuen Road, the home of Mrs. Roma, who as explained previously had been interrogated shortly following complt. complaining to the Police.

This address was visited and the attache case, both locksbroken and tied with string was found in an unoccupied loft room situate between ground and upstairs front Rooms. The contents were checked by complt. who upon having completed her examination stated that only $115.00 local currency was missing.

Mrs. Roma, was questioned as to who had placed the attache case on her premises, and stated that at 10 a.m. or 10.30 a.m. Mrs. Jose had visited the house and placed it there, this statement was corroborated by another Philippino inmate one Mrs. Conchita Martinez, who also stated she had witnessed the incident.

It may, however, be pointed out that the undersigned and complt. visited the house at 10.15 a.m. at which time Mrs. Roma, definately stated that she had not seen Mrs. Jose for three days and upon being reminded of this became quite flustered and averred that Mrs. Jose had called following the police visit and that she knowing of the theft had became alarmed and did not dare notify the station or complt. for some hours.

This statement on the part of Mrs. Jose did not sound very truthful and taking into consideration that the distance between complt's home and Mrs. Roma's home is only a few hundred yards, it is suspected that Mrs. Jose, actually took the attache case there between 9 a.m. and 9.15 p.m. on 3/9/40 and that it was actually there during the time of police enquiries in the morning. Furthermore it is highly probable that Mrs. Roma or some other inmate upon learning through complt. that it was stolen and nature of contents, remained silent

in order to break it open following the departure of the police and extract the missing money. The reported presence of the case being made later with the hope that full responsibility for the money being missing would fall upon Mrs. Jose.

However, whether or not this suspicion is correct well undoubtedly be known on 4/9/40, when Mrs. Jose will be informed of developments and further questioned.

Mr. Peterson, assistant U.S. Marshall was informed of the recovery and evidence which establishes Mrs. Jose to be the thief and instructed that on the a.m. of 4/9/40, complt. be taken to the Consulate to swear out a complaint against Mrs. Jose.

Sam. Def. 1/c.

D. S. 326.

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